

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 2, and 11 were previously cancelled.

Claims 5, 6, 10, 12, 14 and 18 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Claims 8, 9, and 13 are amended. No new matter is added.

Claims 19-24 have been added. No new matter is added.

Claims 3, 4, 7, 13 and 15-17 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 3-4, 7-9, 13, 15-17 and 19-24 are pending.

II. Priority Status

Applicants filed the priority documents to this application, namely Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2001-152403 and 2002-108594, on June 14, 2006.

Applicants respectfully request acknowledgment of the receipt of the documents.

III. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 5, 6, 14 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as indefinite. Applicants have canceled claims 5, 6, 14 and 18, rendering the rejection moot.

Applicants respectfully request the rejection be withdrawn.

IV. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 6, 8-10 and 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,270,486 to Brown et al. (hereinafter Brown) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,131,736 to Farris et al. (hereinafter Farris) or U.S. Patent No. 5,484,636 to Berg, Jr. et al. (hereinafter Berg). Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brown, Farris, and Berg, and further in view of the published Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-051265

to Kao Corp (hereinafter Kao Corp). Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brown, Farris, and Berg, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,970,087 to Castaneda (hereinafter Castaneda).

Claims 5, 6, 10, 14, and 18 have been canceled, rendering the rejection to these claims moot. New independent claim 19 has been added and Applicants address the references below.

Claim 19 recites the claim that “the individual wrapping container having a main body accompanied with an opening for containing the longitudinal direction of the interlabial pad” and “the wrapping sheet” allows the interlabial pad to be wrapped into a more compact state.” (See Specification Fig. 6, 7, and page 21). The above statements are not taught or suggested by the prior art.

Specifically, Brown does not disclose a wrapping container having an opening for containing the longitudinal direction of the interlabial pad and a wrapping sheet that allows the interlabial pad to be wrapped into a more compact state. Further, Farris, Berg, Kao Corp, and Castaneda do not disclose or suggest, alone or in combination, this element of the claims.

Furthermore, claims 8, 9, and 20-24 depend from claim 19 and are allowable based at least on the argument above.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that all the claims according to the present invention are novel and not obvious and respectfully request the objections be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below once he has reviewed the proposed amendment if the Examiner believes any issue can be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment.

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